

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed August 08, 2008 fails to comply fully with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the listed reference U.S. Patent No. 548,187 does not appear issued to Decker on January 09, 1996. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein, with regard to listed U.S. Patent No. 548,187, has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Safavi whose telephone number is (571) 272-7046. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 8:30-5:00.

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